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RHINOBATUS FEEDING

In mid-April of this year we had a series of very low tides at Palm Beach, Florida, coincident with nearly a week of hot scorching days, still and calm. During this time the surf at bottom ebb subsided to such tiny wavelets that one might walk along the beach just next to the little declivity which marked dead low tide and observe the small fish and crabs in the clear, almost unruffled water. Twice I saw full-grown individuals of *Rhinobatus lentiginosus* apparently feeding right at the ocean's margin. They wiggled along, dorsals and caudals clear of the water and every few moments they would poke their snouts up onto the little foot-high shelf that was just wet by the small advancing and receding billows. As I had no grains, I could not spear the fish and had to be content to watch this strange performance as they moved slowly northward. Upon what they were feeding I do not know, but suspect it may have been Sand Fleas or Hippa. I have walked the beach so often that I am moved to record this incomplete observation which was to me quite novel. Off the Florida coast *Rhinobatus* is common but usually in about five to ten fathoms.

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